

WARRANT ARTICLES

2011 Deliberative Meeting and Town Elections

You are hereby notified to meet at the Prospect Mountain High School on Wednesday the Ninth (9th) day of February in the year Two Thousand and Eleven (2011), beginning at seven (7:00) o'clock in the evening, for the purpose of deliberating upon the following Warrant Articles and the Town elections to approve the warrant articles by ballot vote which will be held on March 8, 2011 at the Prospect Mountain High School from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm:

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for which there are vacancies, for such terms as may be permitted by law; and to elect: two selectmen for three years, one trustee of trust funds for three years, one library trustee for three years, one cemetery trustee for three years, one water commissioner for three years, one budget committee member for three years, two budget committee members for two years, two planning board members for three years, one supervisor of the checklist for five years and two zoning board members for three years.

ARTICLE 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Alton zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Article 200 by amending the definition of "Agriculture" to that as defined by NH RSA 21:34-a, as amended, with the exception of the application of septage? (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Alton zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Article 200, to add the definition of "Agritourism" as defined by RSA 21:34-a VI and to amend Article 400, Section 401 by adding "Agritourism" to the Table of Uses as an allowed use in the Rural Residential and Rural Zones? (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Alton zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Article 200 to add the definition of "Kennel" and to amend Article 400, Section 401 by adding "Kennel" to the Table of Uses as a use allowed by Special Exception in the Residential Commercial, Rural Residential and Rural Zones? (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Alton zoning ordinance as follows: To repeal Article 300, Section 325 Off-Street Parking? (*Parking standards are currently located in the Site Plan Review Regulations.*) (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Alton zoning ordinance as follows: To repeal Article 400, Section 444 Special Exceptions subsection “A – Off Street Parking” in its entirety? (*Parking standards are currently located in the Site Plan Review Regulations where waivers may be granted by the Planning Board.*) (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 7: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Alton zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Article 600, Section 603.6 – 6.1 (D) by changing the allowed height above the average tree canopy of a ground mounted wireless telecommunications facility tower from ten (10) feet to twenty (20) feet? (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 8: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Alton zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Article 600, Section 603.7 – 7.7 Access Ways, to modify the maximum width requirements and construction standards for access ways serving wireless telecommunications facilities? (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 9: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as submitted by Petition for the Alton zoning ordinance as follows: To amend the Zoning District Map and descriptions to change from Rural Zone to Lakeshore Residential Zone the following area: All lands bounded on the northerly, westerly and southerly by Robert's Cove Road and bounded easterly by New Hampshire Route 28? (Based on Protest Petition requires 2/3 vote)

**THE PLANNING BOARD DOES NOT APPROVE OF PETITIONED
AMENDMENT NO. 8**

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning Board to require preliminary review of major subdivisions and major site plan review as provided for in RSA 674:35 Power to Review Subdivisions and RSA 674:43 Power to Review Site Plans. (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction to the highest bidder based on a minimum (not absolute) bid amount to be set by the Selectmen based on Town appraiser, the following town properties which have the estimated total value listed and to have the sale funds placed in the fund balance to help offset the cost of purchasing the Dahle, Donovan & Gunsel property. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the budget committee (6-0) (A majority vote is required)]

MAP/LOT	LOCATION	ACREAGE
12-7	Bay Hill Road	.40
19-60	Rines Road	.23
28-6	Frank C. Gilman	.39
29-7	Frank C. Gilman	.22
71-15	Marlene Drive	.26
72-1	Frohock Brook Road	.40
72-2	Frohock Brook Road	.41
72-3	Frohock Brook Road	.40
41-6-1	Echo Point Rd	.97
4-28-1	Dudley Road	.86
5-38	Coffin Brook Rd	5.00
9-37	New Durham Rd	.40
38-43-A	Keewaydin Dr	.06
		Estimated total \$246,400

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **Five Hundred Thousand One Dollars (\$500,001.00)** for the purpose of purchasing the Dahle, Donovan & Gunsel Property Map 15 Lot 49 located at 18 Hidden Springs Road. The reason is the property has been contaminated by the town landfill. The sum of (\$500,000.00) to come from Fund Balance (Surplus) and remaining balance (\$1.00) from taxation. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the budget committee (6-0) (A majority vote is required)]

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Town Hall Building Improvements to the town hall and to raise and appropriate **Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000)** to be placed into the fund. This sum (\$45,000.00) to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from new taxation. Also to vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Town Hall Building Improvement Fund. . [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000)** to be added to the Police Department Building Improvement Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. This sum (\$50,000.00) to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from new taxation. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000)** to be added to the Sidewalk Capital reserve as previously established. The work would include the sidewalk in front of the Town Hall. . [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00)** to be added to the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. These funds are being used to deal with the contamination at the landfill and to meet the state regulatory requirements. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00)** to be placed in the Benefit Pay Expendable Trust Fund, as previously established. Said funds are recommended by the Town Auditors to be used to pay for benefits accrued by Town Employees and redeemed when they leave employment with the Town of Alton, in accordance with the Town Personnel Policy. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000)** to be added to the Building and Site Improvement Capital Reserve for the Transfer Station which also includes the EPA storm water management implementation requirements. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00)** to be added to the Recreation/Grounds Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. The purpose of this Capital Reserve Fund is to fund maintenance equipment for the grounds, and parks and sidewalks snow removal. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000)** for the purpose of improving the West Side Restrooms by making handicap accessible to current ADA standards and by siding the exterior. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)** to be added to the Milfoil Capital Reserve fund. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (Majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00)** to be added to Senior Center Pearson Road Capital Reserve Fund. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (Majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 23: Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **Six Million Two Hundred Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Five Dollars (\$6,218,835.00)**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Six Million One Hundred Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$6,150,760.00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alton or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

This article does not include special or individual articles addressed. (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars (\$129,979.00)** and to authorize the withdrawal of the \$129,979.00 from the Ambulance Operation Fund as previously established under RSA 31: 95c for the purpose of funding the ambulance personnel wages, ambulance supplies & equipment, training, and vehicle fuel/maintenance. This appropriation is covered by the revenue from the ambulance insurance payments and there will be no funds raised from general taxation. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-0-1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty Six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000)** for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a command/utility vehicle for the Fire Department. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-0-1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000)** to be added to the Alton Fire Station Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. . [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-0-1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1750)** for the purpose of increasing the firemen retirement and to amend the retirement policy for the fire department personnel by increasing the amount of base annual retirement pay by **Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)** for each individual rank and the annual COLA would be applied to the base on an annual basis. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee ()]. (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00)** to be added to the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00)** to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve. This sum (\$50,000) to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from new taxation. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00)** for the purpose of purchasing and installing a ventilation system in the highway building which is needed to properly vent the fumes due to the vehicles and painting that create a health and safety problem. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00)** to be added to the Highway Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. Said amount is partially offset by revenues from the Highway Block Grant Fund estimated to be \$193,735.13 is an annual appropriation that provides for the reconstruction of existing roadways. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Six Dollars (\$8,996.00)** for the purpose of supporting the Community Action Program which provides supplemental food, fuel, utility, transportation, meals on wheels, weatherization assistance, Women, Infants and Children food assistance program (WIC). This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Four Dollars (\$8,974.00)** for the purpose of supporting the VNA Hospice which is a non-profit agency that provides health care, hospice care and maternal child health services. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$5,100.00)** for the purpose of supporting the Community Health and Hospice, which provides visiting nurse, homemaker and hospice services to residents. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Thousand Three Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$2,314.00)** for the purpose of supporting the American Red Cross which provides disaster relief, shelters, basic household necessities and counseling. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)** for the purpose of supporting the Alton Community Services which provides a food pantry and assistance programs for fuel, prescriptions, utilities and housing in close coordination with the Alton Welfare Department. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Hundred Fifty Four Dollars (\$454.00)** for the purpose of supporting the Medication Bridge Prescription Program which is a not for profit volunteer program that provides assistance to residents in need of prescriptions in coordination with the Alton Welfare Department. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00)** for the purpose of supporting the New Beginnings which provides 24 hour crisis support for domestic/sexual assault victims, operates a shelter and provides counseling. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2011. [Appropriation is recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Six Dollars (\$7,826.00)** for the purpose of supporting Genesis which provides mental health care to area residents, services for children, elders, along with other emergency services. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and not recommended by the Budget Committee (3-3)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 40: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00)** for the purpose of supporting Caregivers Transportation which provides free transportation to handicapped, elderly and other residents needing assistance with all these services provided by volunteers. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 41: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)** for the purpose of supporting CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) which provides advocacy for abused and neglected children. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 42: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00)** for the purpose of supporting Appalachian Mountain Teen Project. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee ()] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 43: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00)** for the purpose of supporting Child and Family Services. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2011. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 44: To see if the voters will authorize the sale of a small portion of property from a parcel of Town land located off of Depot Road to Robert L. and Kim E. Patterson. The piece is approximately 20 feet x 90 feet and is part of the town property (map 29 lot 72) obtained from the State of New Hampshire being part of the old railroad right away. The sale price of the property was determined by the Town Assessor to be \$240 and all associated costs for the sale would be paid for by the buyer. (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 45: To see if the Town will vote to increase the number of members on the Gilman Library Board of Trustees from 3 to 5 in accordance with RSA 669.16 and RSA 669.75. This change is become effective with the 2012 Town Elections. The Gilman Library Board of Trustees acts as the governing board for the library as defined by RSA 202-A: 2 and is strictly a volunteer service. The purpose is to ensure that a quorum is always present. (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 46: To see if the Town will vote to increase the number of members on the Alton Water Commission from 3 to 5 in accordance with RSA 38:18. This change is to become effective with the 2012 Town Meeting Elections. (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 47: To hear any reports of any committee, board, trustees, commissions, officials, agents or concerned voters and to vote to accept the same. Furthermore, to conduct any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

UNDER SEAL OF THE TOWN and given under our hand on this the 25th day of January 2011,
the Alton Board of Selectmen. ATTEST:

David Hussey, Chairman_____

Patricia Fuller, Vice Chairman _____

Stephan McMahon, Selectman_____

Peter Bolster, Selectman_____

Loring Carr, Selectman _____